

Attracting Students towards pure Sciences

†1545. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the students these days are going for the disciplines of Administration, Management, Computer and C.A. and have lost interest in the study of pure sciences because of professional education, race to earn money and lack of resources in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to attract them again towards pure sciences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Government is aware about young students opting for careers in disciplines other than pure sciences. With a view to attract young students towards a career in pure sciences, the Government started the Kishore Vaigyanik Prothsaahan Yojana (KVPY) in 1999. Under this scheme, students after Class X and Class XII, who opt for studies in pure sciences, are offered attractive scholarships and participation in summer schools/projects etc. during their course of study. Further, the Government has also recently set up a "Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions (FIST)" to use infrastructural improvements as a means of attracting and retaining talent.

Stadium complex on Bison Polo Ground

1546. DR. DASARI NARAYANANA RAO:

DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on construction of building on Bison Polo ground and Gymkhana ground Hyderabad;

(b) whether P.M.O. has also directed that no building would come up there; and

(c) if so, how the Andhra Pradesh Government propose to build a Stadium complex on Bison Polo Ground?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SYED SHAHANAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Financing 2006 Asian Games

1547. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has made a strong case for hosting the Asian Games, 2006 in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government expect to raise finances for such grand plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SYED SHAHANAWAZ HUSSAIN) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Since India is the pioneer in the Asian Games Movement and has the honour of holding the 1st Asian Games in 1951 and IXth Asian Games in 1982, Indian Olympic Association, an apex body of National Sports Federation, has submitted the bid documents to Olympic Council of Asia. Olympic Council of Asia will take the decision in November, 2000 in its General Assembly meeting.